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METHOD OF PRODUCING A METALLIZED BRIQUETTE

Charlotte, North Carolina April 18, 2002

Honorable Commissioner of Patents Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

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**AMENDMENT** 

Responsive to the Official Action of January 31, 2002, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

## In the Claims:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) A process for making metal/fized iron by reduction of an iron oxide containing agglomerate, said process comprising:

combining in a dry form iron bearing materials, a reductant, and cellulose fiber with

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